

REPORT OF THE FIRST EVER



Harvest Time Gathering

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We're So Grateful for Everyone Who Joined Us!

What is the Ron Cares Society?

Over the years, Ron Bergen has served his community by participating in a number of non-profit organisations. From this vantage point, he saw a few needs that were falling between the cracks.

In a conversation with a few close and trusted friends, he was encouraged to consider starting his own organisation to meet them.

He founded the Ron Cares Society back in the fall of 2022.

We're all familiar with people's basic needs -- things like food, clothing and shelter. These are so crucial and obvious that there are several solutions being coordinated for people in crisis. However, Ron noticed that needs one step away from the most basic were being missed. The needs of hygiene, including treatment of minor wounds, and preventative dental care. In stressful environments, neglected minor problems can become very serious, very quickly.

Ron Cares assembles Care Kits in 3 categories:

- Care Kits (especially for people experiencing homelessness)
- Senior/Elder Kits (for older people living on a fixed income)
- Family/Newcomer Kits (for people who are often putting their lives back together after a traumatic experience)

Where is Ron Cares Today?

Well, everywhere! If you've been to any event in the Langleys in the last couple of years, you've probably seen Ron there! Ron would like to express a special thank you to the growing team around Ron Cares, who have all put in countless hours and a boundless energy to join together in Caring.

So many people have contributed to Ron Cares, in so many ways, and the importance of that extends far beyond just our society.

It's not news to anyone that we're living in an overwhelming era when all the best -- and perhaps more importantly, the *worst* -- of everything is available at our fingertips. It is overwhelming, and living in perpetual overwhelm can cause serious harm to people, causing stress, apathy and cynicism.

The best antidote to feeling stuck or futile is to find people with shared values and priorities, and to organise. That's the key of what we're doing together. We're connected at the heart level, eager to Care for our community in the ways that available to us. In 2024, Ron Cares distributed 600 kits to the community.

Ron Cares is sustained by grants from organisations, gifts from businesses, and financial support from individuals like you!

What's Next?

There are two big projects that we're working on at Ron Cares.

We are seeking dual-purpose space to rent for product storage and kit-building. This is an increasingly pressing need as Ron Cares grows. Our location requirements are particular -- it needs to be close to Ron's house, and it needs to be accessible.

We're also working on obtaining registered charity status with CRA. This will allow us to offer tax receipts to our supporters, which is a way we can attract larger corporate and personal donations to make Ron Cares less dependent on grants.

As a disabled person with mobility challenges, Ron is very sensitive to the needs of people who need extra assistance. Ron Cares also has an advocacy mandate, working with like-minded organisations to meet needs, especially in transportation. **There is so much to do!**



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With Your Help, We Did It!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Ron Cares Harvest Time Gathering Fundraiser!

That includes our sponsors, our volunteers and all of our guests.

A special thanks to our event host Brian Lott, and to everyone at Backyard Vineyards. We also appreciated the help with the food from Meals on Wheels and JD Farms.



Ron Cares Society Raised \$9,500 After Expenses!



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You Won't Want to Miss This!



Shona Sculpture: The Lovebirds

Generously donated by Brian Lott for this event, this is a beautiful piece carved by hand from a single piece of stone. From Zimbabwe, Africa, this is a fine example of the craftwork of the Shona people.

This sculpture comes with a certificate of authenticity.

Winning Bid: \$850



Option 1: Executive Profile Video Package

A professionally produced 2-3 minute "About Us" or executive profile video.

Includes on-site interview, b-roll of their office/team, and light branding.

Perfect for LinkedIn, corporate websites, or investor decks.

Option 2: Thought Leadership / LinkedIn Video Series

Three short-form (60-90 second) videos designed for LinkedIn or social media.

Filmed in one 2hr session with a corporate leader.

Content: leadership insights, company values, or upcoming initiatives.

Winning Bid: \$600



In no particular order:

Paul Crump, Katie Pearson, Leanne Cassap, Nina Turk, Janice McTaggart, and Fraser Holland.

Invitation to Donate

This chart gives you the breakdown of each kit's cost. If you'd like to directly support Ron Cares, covering the cost of a kit is a very convenient way to go!



Care Kit

Lightweight, portable, versatile, contents are changed in accordance with the season.

**Cost:
\$35**



Senior/Elder Kit

More substantial kit, intended for people struggling to get by on a fixed salary.

**Cost:
\$65**



Family/Newcomer Kit

Our most comprehensive kit, with items for a household of up to 4. For families in crisis.

**Cost:
\$100**

**You can give the cost of one kit, or several!
We can accept cash, cheque or credit card donations.**

Any Ron Cares volunteer on site is able help you out!

Disclaimer: funds given to Ron Cares Society become property of the society, to be directed by its Board to where it deems the funds are needed most to fulfil the organisation's objectives.

Event Sponsors



Event Supporters



Our Distribution Network

Ron Cares is deeply grateful to the trusted organisations we rely on to facilitate distribution of the kits we make.

Through them, we are able to maximise our effectiveness. We count on them to connect with individuals and families in need. We also learn from them so that we can continually match the contents of the kits to people's needs.



Lower Fraser Valley
Aboriginal Society



Meals on
Wheels

 Langley Senior
RESOURCES SOCIETY



Langley Food
Bank



Inclusion Langley
Society



Aldergrove Food
Bank



Lookout Housing
and Health Society



The Gateway
of Hope



St. Andrew's
Anglican Church



Langley Community
Services Society

Fibromyalgia Well
Spring Foundation

Stepping Stone Community
Services Society

Key People Who Have Helped Behind the Scenes

Ron Bergen (Executive Director)

Emily Veerman, Brad Jarvis, Karen Long, Kelly Blouin, Bill Morrison, Judy Webb, Tiena Tearle, Brian Parkinson and Resha Sabti

Friends of Ron Cares

Here are people offering us ongoing support:

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